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### Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time

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Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on October 2, 2001, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on January 2, 2002.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a two (2) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until Saturday, March 2, 2002.

Please charge the \$400.00 fee for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I, Mary L. Roberts, hereby certify that on March 4, 2002 this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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